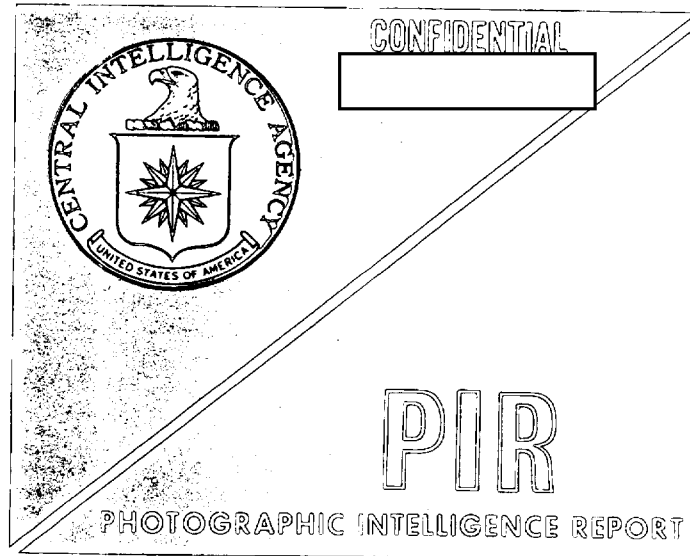
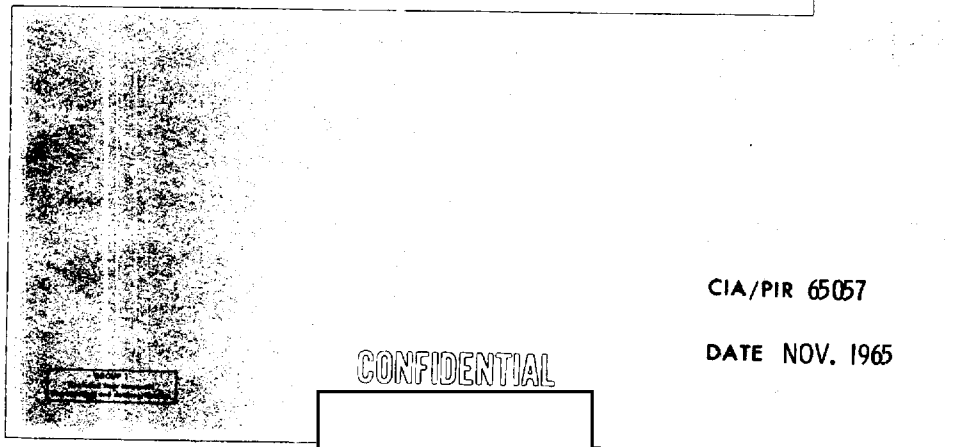




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This report is a study of road construction in the Laos Panhandle. The area under study is bounded by Route 922 (approximately 16 15N) on the north, Route 165 (approximately 15 15N) on the south, Route 92 and the unnumbered route under construction on the west, and the Laos-South Vietnam Border on the east.

The latest available [redacted] Missions were used in preparing this report. Except for a small area immediately east of Chavane, the area under study was completely covered by good quality photography.

Included in this report are eight annotated maps, Figures 1 through 8. Figure 1 is a small scale map depicting the general area of interest. Figures 2 and 3 are 1:250,000 scale maps showing the transportation network in the study area and the areas covered by Figures 4 through 8. The remaining maps, Figures 4 through 8, are 1:50,000 scale maps showing detailed transportation networks in specific areas of interest.

Evidence of road or trail construction was apparent only on the unnumbered route from Route 923 south to Chavane. However, the trails east of Chavane (See Figures 5 through 8) and the trails east of the motorable terminus of Route 922 (See Figure 1) have improved through a probable increase in use. Except for construction on the unnumbered route itself, there is no evidence of road construction or trail improvement from the unnumbered route east to the Laos-South Vietnam border, between Route 922 and Route 165.

The unnumbered route under construction now extends to Chavane, and is probably motorable except for two short segments still under construction.

The following five types of transportation routes were reported in this study:

1. Single-Lane Unimproved Roads - natural surface dry weather roads.
2. Vehicle Tracks - wheel tracks made by motor vehicles.
3. Jeepable Trails capable of supporting light motor vehicle (Jeep) traffic.
4. Roads under construction
5. Major Trails - trails apparently carrying heavy foot traffic.

In addition to the roads and trails, a vehicle park and a vehicle park and staging area have been annotated on the maps.

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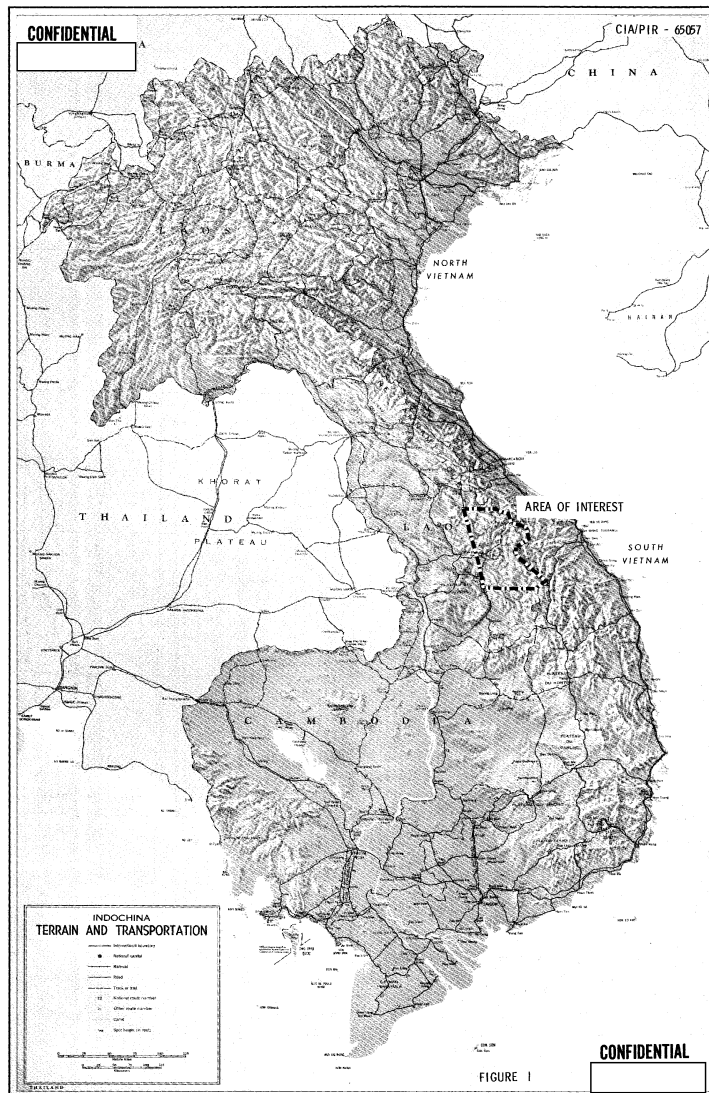
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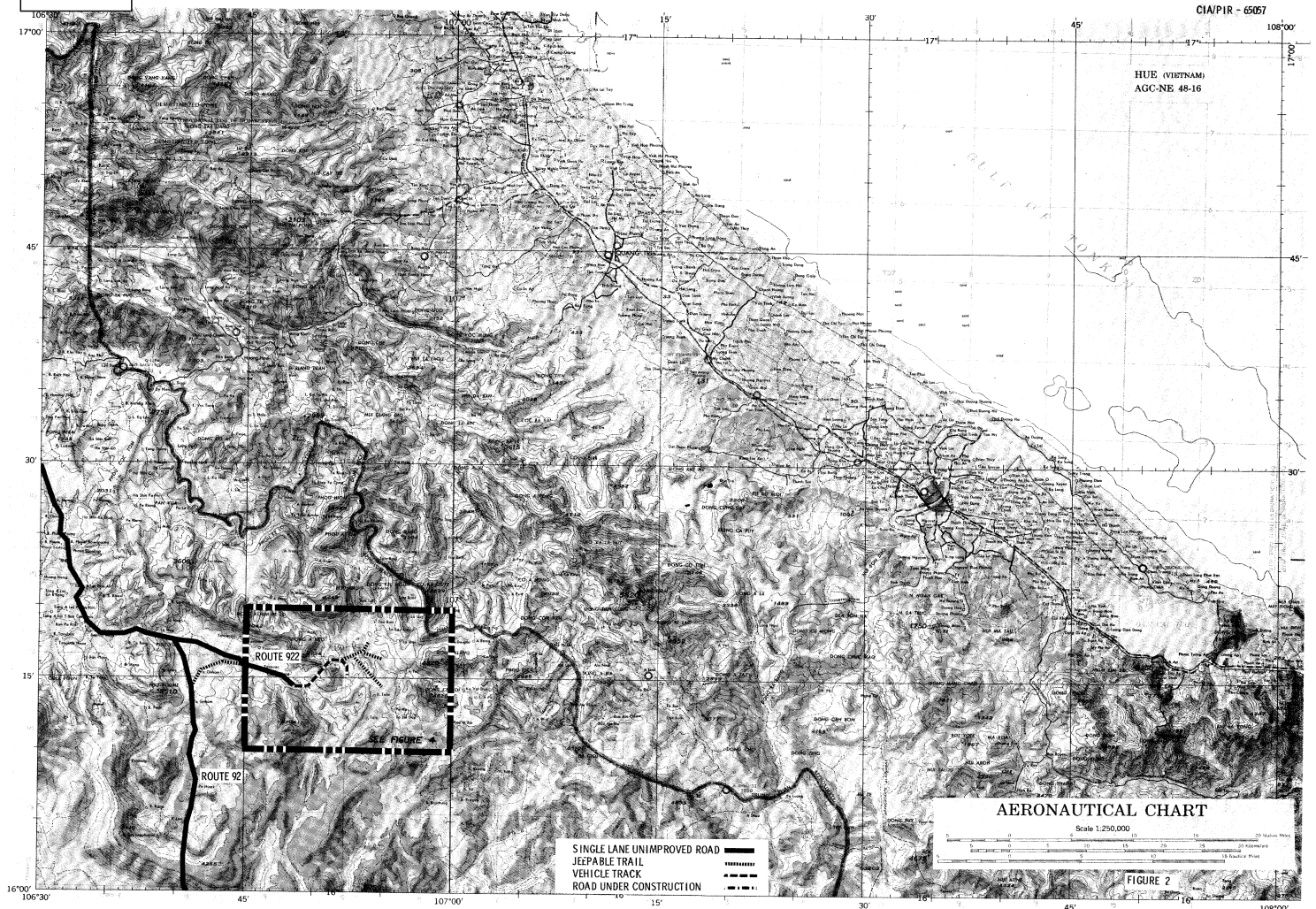
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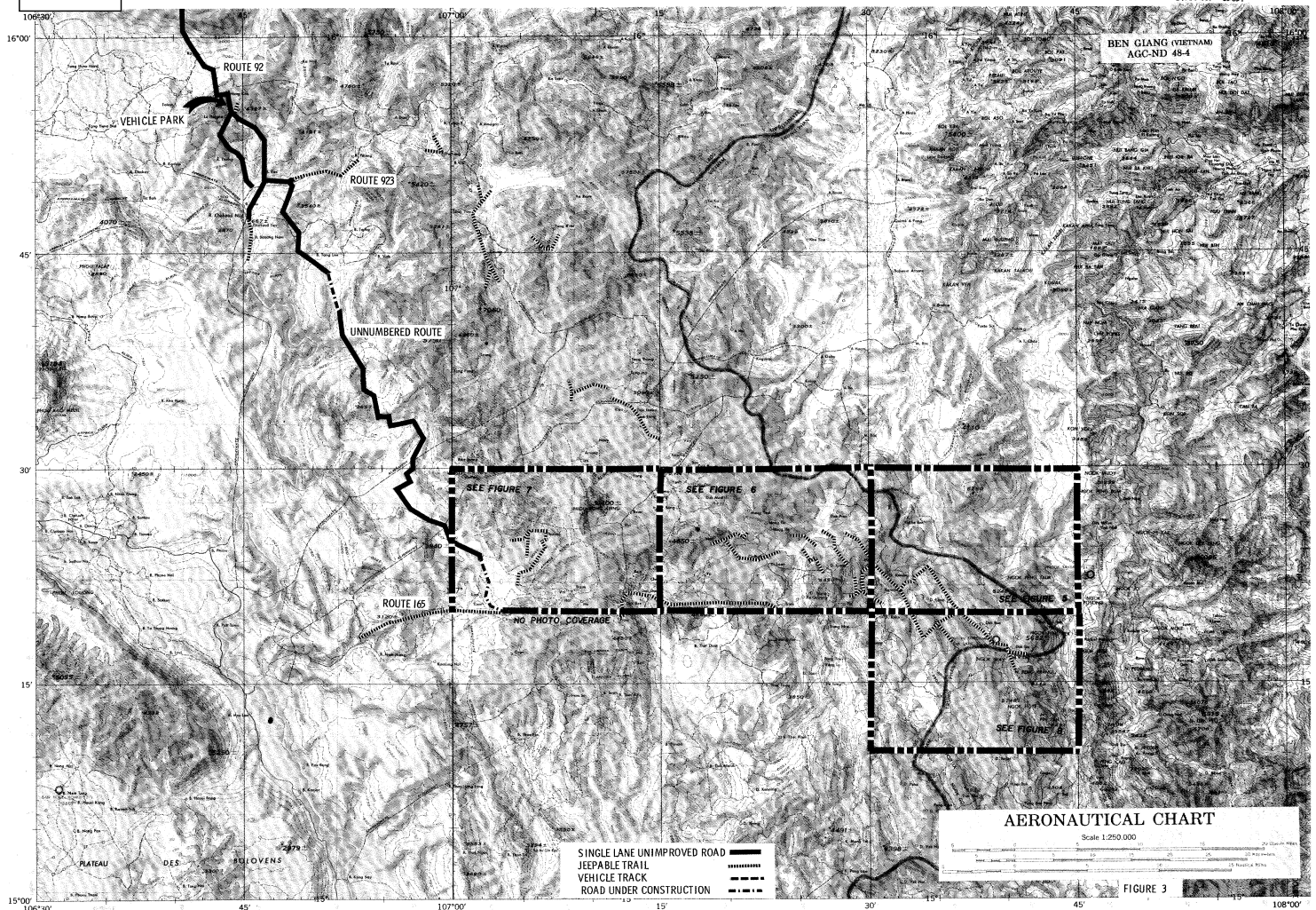
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